



## THE DAILY RECORD-UNION.

FRIDAY..... MARCH 7, 1884

### THIS MORNING'S NEWS.

In New York yesterday Government bonds were quoted at 123 for 4s, 112 for 4s; sterling, \$4 574 to 496; 101 for 8s, 100 for 5s; silver bars, 113.

Silver in London, 511; consols, 101 11 10d; 4s, 120; 4s, 110.

In San Francisco Mexican dollars are quoted at 80.

Mining stocks continue flat in San Francisco. Lower values were the rule yesterday morning. The decline is attributable mainly to the want of buyers.

A hard-fought fight took place yesterday morning on Coney Island, in which both participants were severely punished.

A mining accident is reported from Sonora, Mexico, in which at least twenty men lost their lives.

A prize fight at the round rings occurred Wednesday night in Danville, Pa., the affair lasting one and twenty minutes.

One man was killed and three others fatally injured yesterday at Lawrence, Mass., in a boiler explosion.

The Treasurer of Huron County, Ohio, is short \$50,000 to his account—and is missing.

Mrs. Langtry's engagement in San Francisco begins June 16, and closes June 29.

The carpenters and joiners at Victoria, B. C., are on strike.

Dr. Morgan Dix was severely injured in New York Wednesday by a fall.

President Arthur gave a "stag" dinner in Washington Wednesday night.

Philadelphia newspapers employ colored reporters.

Professor Melzer's young men's seminary at Pittston, Pa., has been burned.

Walter, near Oakland, William Sollard shot and killed Alexander Diodrichson, and the father of the former, when informed of the tragedy, dropped dead.

The German Releghat was opened at Berlin yesterday with the usual formalities.

The Danville investigation was postponed in Washington yesterday until Monday.

The Mexican Central Railway is within sight of completion, and the gap will be closed tomorrow.

McDowell, the convicted murderer, who escaped from the San Bernardino jail, has been recaptured.

Mackay says he expects to send his first cable message July 15th.

Twenty-nine deaths occurred during the past month in Portland, Ore.

Blind staggers are killing many horses in some parts of Oregon.

### TWO LOCAL MATTERS.

This city is upon the eve of a local election of more than ordinary importance, in which are involved two propositions that it seems impossible the powers of evil can prevail against. These are the adoption of orders directing two small sums to be applied to local improvement—the one for advancing, as is now possible, the levee defenses, and the other for commencing the work of sanitary reform. Upon the latter of these two propositions we take it there is no division of sentiment. It will be adopted *en masse*. The other should be agreed to with equal unanimity.

But it happens that, for reasons best known to themselves, certain elements have arrayed themselves against it. These have sought diligently to involve the matter in the meshes of a technical debate. They act upon the theory of all obstructions, and propose that Sacramento shall "take the chance." Of course it will not do so. It is inconceivable in the face of the judgment of the business men of the city, the engineering reports, the advice of the friends of the city abroad, the testimony of the past, the recent disasters by flood elsewhere, the admitted, undenied and long-borne damaging reputation of the insecurity of Sacramento, the declarations of the three political parties in the field, the voice of wisdom, the dictates of prudence, the expressions of five-sixths of the press of the city, and the demonstrated business prosperity to be conserved by the investment, how this people will deal themselves the blow of negating the levee-improvement proposition. Sacramento needs to get up and out of the groove, to strike out new paths, to command her destiny and rise superior to the pestilential tactics and penny wise and pound foolish policy of a cross-roads corner. Let us keep in mind the Plautian maxim, "He who seeks for gain must at some expense."

### THE PERNICKY LITERATURE CRUSADE.

The country has recently been shocked by more startling testimony of the pernicious influence of vile literature. It is needless to recite them. The moral sentiment of the American people long since rose to the magnitude of the evils of vicious publications. Such men as Anthony Comstock have the full moral support of the people. The only reason why "flash literature and dime novel" abominations flout their indecencies in the public face unchecked is because the greed of publishers and the gains of the rascally business control law-makers. What is the evidence of this? The fact that in not a solitary State in the Union has a Legislature yet been found with the hardihood to declare against the movement of suppression, although they neglect to pass the necessary laws. In every instance—and we have diligently informed ourselves upon the subject—the evils have been admitted, but action has been postponed by tactics best known to the professional politician. It remains for a solitary legislative committee to report adversely, or to declare that vicious literature is not a menace to the youth, an insult to the intelligence and an outrage upon the decency of the country. Selfish interests, however, have been equal to securing an extension of the lease of existence to the vile business of these vicious publications. The telegraphic reports of the last few days indicate that public sentiment is wearying of waiting, and will very early make its will known in such a pronounced form that police gazettes, dime novels, bawdy-house illustrated sheet, criminal periodicals and the like, will be treated as are harmful vermin and poisonous reptiles.

### A BAD BILL MODIFIED.

The newspaper copyright proposition has now been modified by the bill of Senator Sherman that it is secure to a paper the right to all it publishes for eight hours next succeeding the hour of going to press.

The original proposition of Mr. Waterston, which was in the interest of a few great dailies, and which is vigorously advocated by the New York Tribune, gave the exclusive right for twenty-four hours.

It will be observed that the modification to eight hours in no essential removes the objections to the bill. It is a sop to the evening papers, since they do not issue until about ten hours after the morning dailies. But suppose the evening paper is called for a morning extra, as not unfrequently happens. In that event, no matter how important the news to be given to its clientele, it is to be restrained from publishing it. So, too, with the 10 o'clock and the noon papers, a useful and desirable class.

It is said by the friends of the measure

that the sole object is to throttle the news takers who avail the morning issues of great papers to steal the news, and reprint in their own journals, the limited circulation of which enables them to go to press some hours later. But unless it is conceded that there is property right in news, there can be no theft of it. What happens, what is, what exists, belongs to no newspaper.

The manner of statement, the form, style and verbiage of an article can be copyrighted now. That is the product of brain-work, is invention, originality—but the fact of which the writer can claim no more justly be reserved to him as a right than the fact that the sun rises, and that a certain class of people solicit the exclusive right to print the fact that the sun rises. In any light in which viewed the bill is a bad one, and we cannot avoid an "inward smile" at the bare suggestion that the Democratic House of Representatives will dare to put such a cockpit burr beneath the anti-monopoly saddle in which it is now mounted.

### SOME PERTINENT QUESTIONS.

Why should the bond period be extended for distilled spirits? Suppose molasses to be substituted for spirits, would any such concern be manifested for the relief of the owners from the duty of paying the tax?

Did not the distillers know where the spirit made the spirit that it must pay the tax?

Have they not had over a year of extension already? There is a terrible howl about railroad tax delinquencies even when the Courts declare there is no such delinquency, but who proposes to give the railroads time? Why should the people of the United States be asked to discriminate in favor of the men who boldly overproduced distilled spirits? Whose fault is it that the market was overstocked? If the Government discriminates in favor of liquor in this matter of tax, will it not set a precedent that will be dangerous?

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DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

UNITED STATES SIGNAL OFFICE  
SACRAMENTO, March 6, 1884—3:32 P. M.

Place of observation.	Barom.	Therm.	Wind and weather.	Rate in 24 hours.	Rate in 24 hours.
Tatooch.	29.88	61	Cloudy.	...	...
Olympia.	29.88	61	Cloudy.	...	...
Portland.	29.88	60	Cloudy.	...	...
San Carlos.	29.88	60	Cloudy.	...	...
Roseburg.	29.87	62	Cloudy.	...	...
Medford.	29.87	62	Cloudy.	...	...
Sacramento.	29.90	62	Cloudy.	...	...
S. Francisco.	29.90	62	Cloudy.	...	...
San Diego.	29.90	62	Cloudy.	...	...

Maximum temperature, 61; minimum, 54. River at 11 A. M., 104 feet; a rise of 5 feet in 24 hours. S. JAMES A. BARWICK, Sergeant, Signal Corps, U. S. A.

ADVERTISEMENT MENTION.

Metropolitan Theater—Emma Abbott in "Son-nants";

Monte Carlo—Fraud and Its Victims; Columbia Lodge, R. P., to-night.

Social at Kingsley Club to-night.

Post Office—Post Office, 10th and 12th, Sacramento Lodge, F. and A. M., to-night.

Prohibition does prohibit.

Sacramento—Dinner this evening.

Sacramento, N. S. G. W., this evening. Card of thanks from James and John Hall.

Card of thanks from Mrs. Knapp.

Resolutions of condonation.

Summer Post this evening.

Assurances Sales.

By Sherburn & Smith, 11 A. M. to-day. By Sherburn & Smith, 10:30 A. M. Monday.

Business Announcements.

Last day of C. H. Stevens & Co.'s sale. Recovery for a crooked pup, Malaria, Poison—Swift's Specific, Fire Insurance Agency—James E. Miller, Lost—A stolen silver.

Spring Meeting—Barber & Peeler, Sacramento, State Fair—White silk handkerchiefs, Red House—Our spring trade.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE

THE WEATHER.

Batufall at Los Angeles Compared With that of Sacramento.

Noticing by the Record-Union of yesterday morning that the total rainfall of the present season at Los Angeles was 26.23 inches, I concluded to search the records as far back as I could find out, and lay before the readers of the above-named paper the usual rainfall by seasons at that point. The Signal Service station at that place was opened on the same day and the same year that the Signal Service station in this city was, viz.: July 1, 1877; therefore I can give the rainfall for both stations during the past seven years. I will tabulate the record, believing that manner it will be more easily understood and noticed at a glance. The data is as follows:

Season.	1877-78	1878-79	1879-80	1880-81	1881-82	1882-83	1883-84	1884-85
January	21.25 inches.	11.33 inches.	20.34 inches.	11.33 inches.	10.40 inches.	11.33 inches.	11.33 inches.	11.33 inches.
February	3.60 inches.	11.33 inches.	4.15 inches.	11.33 inches.	11.33 inches.	11.33 inches.	11.33 inches.	11.33 inches.
March	17.85 inches.	11.33 inches.	16.47 inches.	11.33 inches.				
April	10.40 inches.	11.33 inches.						
May	14.16 inches.	11.33 inches.						
June	27.11 inches.	11.33 inches.	27.11 inches.	11.33 inches.				
July	20.75 inches.	11.33 inches.	20.75 inches.	11.33 inches.				
August	14.16 inches.	11.33 inches.	14.16 inches.	11.33 inches.				
September	10.40 inches.	11.33 inches.	10.40 inches.	11.33 inches.				
October	11.33 inches.							
November	11.33 inches.							
December	11.33 inches.							
Total	21.25 inches.	11.33 inches.	20.34 inches.	11.33 inches.	10.40 inches.	11.33 inches.	11.33 inches.	11.33 inches.

From the foregoing, very instructive and interesting table, Sacramento is shown to have always been ahead of Los Angeles from three to 13 inches or more, except the present season, Los Angeles now being the larger amount.

The rainfall at Sacramento beginning at 10 P. M. of the 5th, and ending at about 10 A. M. yesterday, gave 11.22 inches of moisture, making the total for the month 26.23 inches.

In Sacramento, the rainfall is greater than that of Los Angeles, and the amount of rainfall is 13.22 inches; San Francisco, 37 of an inch.

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